

**State Board of Education  
Briefing Paper  
School Facilities Citizen Advisory Panel**

**Issue/Definition:** “To maintain citizen oversight on issues pertaining to school facilities and funding for school construction, a school facilities citizen advisory panel shall be created by the state board of education. The panel shall advise and make recommendations to the superintendent of public instruction regarding school facilities, funding for school construction, joint planning and financing of educational facilities, facility plans and programs for nonhigh school districts, and determinations of remote and necessary schools.”

Membership of the School Facilities Advisory Panel (SFCAP) shall be as follows:

- One member of the State Board of Education;
- Two school district directors representing school districts of various sizes and geographic locations, who are appointed by the SBE and selected from a list of five names submitted to the board by the Washington State School Directors’ Association; and
- Four additional citizen members appointed by the SBE.

**RCW/WAC Cite:** C 263, Laws of 2006, E2SHB 3098

**State Board Role:** The role of the State Board of Education is to appoint a School Facilities Citizen Advisory Panel. No specific timeline to do so is noted in legislation. One member of the SBE shall be a member of the School Facilities Advisory Panel.

**OSPI Role:** OSPI will fiscally support the members of the panel with reimbursement for travel expenses in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060. “The panel shall advise and make recommendations to the superintendent of public instruction regarding school facilities, funding for school construction, joint planning and financing of educational facilities, facility plans and programs for nonhigh school districts, and determinations of remote and necessary schools.”

**Effect on School Districts:** The panel, per se, does not affect the construction grant program because it is an advisory panel.

**Recommendation from Staff:** Staff recommends that the Board determine at its April 28, 2006 meeting, if possible, which SBE member will serve on the panel. Staff further recommends that proposed rules defining the appointment process be presented at the May 2006 Board meeting.

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